Statement of reasons for termination of lease agreement:

From:
Unity Community Hall & Recreation District

To:
The City of Unity, Oregon

At the November Unity City Council meeting the Council voted to unilaterally change the terms of the rental agreement in violation of ORS 90.220 prompting the District Board to seek legal advise from the local District Attorney who advised them to terminate the lease under section 8 of said (see attached).

City Council members denied this vote on numerous occasions in public, including at District Board meetings. Council member Eddie June Greenwood confirmed this vote took place at a public District Board meeting at which she invited representatives of the Board to attend the next Council meeting to resolve the lease issue (an invitation that was also extended via email). When Board representatives attended the next City Council meeting, Councilor Greenwood & the City's advisor both denied said invitation was extended and refused to discuss the lease issue.

Previous to the aforementioned, the District Board arranged for and attempted to meet with representatives of the Unity City Council on four separate occasions in which City representatives failed to attend.

Previous to this there had been questions in regards to the validity of the original lease agreement due to lack of seemingly required upkeep contained within, as well as the effect the City's long duration of emergency management by Baker County, Oregon may have upon its ability to be enforced.

The District has a responsibility to its constituents including the residents of the City of Unity to ensure that an enforceable agreement is in place with the City so that it can continue to provide a location for the City and its fire & EMS services the local residents depend upon.

The District Board considers the aforementioned actions of the Unity City Council to be alarmingly irresponsible, sees no other legal, ethical options to resolve this issue in addition to the Council's apparent lack of desire to in any other way, despite many extended opportunities to do so.